Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 7, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2668 H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2006 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2668 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TOURISM RESEARCH AND STATISTICS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the funding for tourism research conducted by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) by specifying that funds for tourism research and statistics shall be transferred from the Tourism Special Fund (TSF) to DBEDT in accordance with a master plan and budget developed in coordination with the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA).

DBEDT, HTA, and the Hawaii Hotel & Lodging Association supported this bill.

Your Committee notes that concerns were raised regarding a provision in the bill that establishes that the transfer of funds to DBEDT from the TSF shall not be considered an expenditure of the TSF.

In light of this concern, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Deleting the provision specifying that funds from the TSF transferred to DBEDT for tourism research and statistics shall not be considered expenditures from the TSF; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2668, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2668, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Tourism & Culture,

JERRY L. CHANG, Chair

State of Hawaii House of Representatives The Twenty-third Legislature

Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2668	Date: 2	-3-05		
Committee Referral: TAC, FIN	☐ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
The recommendation is to: Pass, unamended	Pass, with amendments			
□ Hold	☐ Recommit			
TAC Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)				
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)				
3. ABINSAY, Felipe P., Jr.				
4. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki				
5. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.				
6. TSUJI, Clift	/			
7. WAKAI, Glenn				
8. CHING, Corinne W.L.				
9. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.				
TOTAL	9			
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Vice Chair's or designee's signature: Distribution: Original (White) – Committee Di	uplicate (Yello	w) – Clerk's Office		